



## CLIENT & FAMILY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

### Meeting Notes

September 24, 2008

Courtyard Marriott

4422 Y Street

Sacramento, CA 95817

**Chairs:** Eduardo Vega, Darlene Prettyman **Guest Commissioner:** Wesley Chesbro

**Members:** Carmen Diaz, Cindy Gill, Jamy Garcia

**Attendants:** Stephan DuBose, Paula Comumelli, Delphine Brody, Sandra Marley, Patty Gainer, Gwen Lewis-reid

**Staff:** Ann Collentine, Ann Wangberg, Matt Lieberman

Agenda Item	Discussion	Individual/s Responsible
Introductions		Darlene Prettyman & Eduardo Vega
Approval of the Minutes		Darlene Prettyman OAC staff
Committee Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Outstanding applications have been received.</li><li>➤ Applicants will be accepted based on matrix that ensures wide representation.</li><li>➤ Term limits and Term Expectations and size limits were suggested.</li><li>➤ Chairs requested an early close for today's meeting to allow for Executive session to review applications.</li></ul>	Darlene Prettyman & Eduardo Vega
Definitions Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Committee Members stressed the need for mental health support agencies to hire people with lived experience, this is especially critical in peer support programs, while maintaining respect in the workplace.</li><li>➤ Members agreed with Eduardo Vega's suggestion to produce a Lived Experience Position Paper. This will be placed in the "parking lot" to be added to the Committee Workplan.</li></ul>	

Meet Guest Commissioner, Wesley Chesbro	<p>➤ Commissioner Chesbro spoke of how he was inspired to advocate for people with disabilities by consumers &amp; family members and participating in legislative hearings that focused on the impact of involuntary treatment.</p> <p>➤ The Commissioner highlighted three successful projects that show what can be accomplished when people work together on shared visions:</p> <p><u><i>The Memorial Project</i></u> Shows belated respect for people who died in state hospitals, empowers communities, improves the understanding that society needs to redress past wrongs, and shows how process can educate and empower.</p> <p><u><i>Legislation on seclusion and restraints reduction</i></u> Passed with labor union support and client advocacy</p> <p><u><i>Proposition 63, Mental Health Services Act</i></u> MHSA proves that process is important, but leaves us with the challenge to fulfill the promise. Consumers need to insist that the MHSA not be watered down, “nothing about us without us.”</p> <p>➤ The Question and Answer period following remarks allowed Commissioner Chesbro and Committee Members to become better acquainted and share insight on current issues. Commissioner Chesbro asked the Committee to identify critical areas and bring them to the Commission.</p>	Wesley Chesbro
Workplan	➤ A full day meeting to tackle the Workplan was requested.	Deborah Lee
Adjournment into Executive Session		Darlene Prettyman & Eduardo Vega

**Parking lot:**

- ❖ Ensure proper reimbursements-OAC staff, September-October 2008
- ❖ OAC funding for Client and Family Leadership Committee members to attend related conferences requested.-Ann Collentine, September-October 2008
- ❖ Compare term limits against other OAC committees- Ann Collentine, September-October 2008
- ❖ Research and prepare for a Client & Family Leadership Committee all day Workplan writing meeting-Deborah Lee, date TBD
- ❖ Prepare Workplan- Client & Family Leadership Committee, dates TBD
- ❖ Lived Experience Position Paper-Client and Family Leadership Committee, TBD
- ❖ Discussion of mentors for client-employees, TBD